

calculation of items pertaining to the comprehensive risk capital requirement. The agencies have updated the relevant items on the reporting form and instructions to align with the calculation methodology for the comprehensive risk capital requirement in the market risk capital rule.<sup>8</sup>

The proposed reporting form also has a Memoranda section that is comprised of 22 line items. Because these line items do not directly contribute to the determination of market RWAs, they would be reported in the separate Memoranda section. The agencies believe that these items will provide additional insight into the risk profile of a market risk institution's trading activity. For example, the first twelve lines of the Memoranda section will contribute to the agencies' understanding of the degree to which diversification effects across the principal market risk drivers are material.

In developing this proposal, the agencies considered several tradeoffs between the reporting burden on market risk institutions and the information needs of bank supervisors. One issue that the agencies identified was that market risk institutions have exposures in certain products that might fit into more than one of the specified risk categories (e.g., interest rate, equity, foreign exchange, commodities, and credit). For example, convertible securities will mostly be subject to interest rate risk unless their value converges with that of the underlying equity. Similarly, foreign exchange swaps are primarily interest rate positions, but it is possible that a market risk institution might classify some as subject to foreign exchange risk. Accordingly, for purposes of reporting the VaR- or stressed VaR-based measures on the FFIEC 102, market risk institutions may classify their exposures in the same risk categories in which they are reported internally. Similarly, for purposes of reporting on the proposed FFIEC 102, the agencies have proposed to define diversification benefit as any adjustment to VaR- or stressed VaR-based measures that a market risk institution makes to reflect the absence of a perfect statistical correlation between the values of the underlying positions. The agencies also recognize that some market risk institutions may not adjust for diversification benefits in their VaR- or stressed VaR-based estimates, and in that case a market risk institution would

not be required to estimate such benefits for purposes of reporting on the FFIEC 102.

#### V. Electronic Submission of Reports

Consistent with the requirements for the agencies' reports that collect data under the current regulatory capital reporting requirements,<sup>9</sup> market risk institutions subject to the proposed reporting requirements would be required to submit the FFIEC 102 in an electronic format using file specifications and formats to be determined by the agencies.

#### VI. Request for Comment

Public comment is requested on all aspects of this joint notice. In particular, do market risk institutions expect that making any specific line items on the proposed FFIEC 102 public would cause them competitive or other harm? If so, please identify the specific line items and describe in detail the nature of the harm.

Additionally, comments are invited on:

(a) Whether the collections of information that are the subject of this notice are necessary for the proper performance of the agencies' functions, including whether the information has practical utility;

(b) The accuracy of the agencies' estimates of the burden of the information collections as they are proposed to be revised, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) Ways to minimize the burden of information collections on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and

(e) Estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide the information.

Comments submitted in response to this joint notice will be shared among the agencies. All comments will become a matter of public record.

<sup>9</sup> Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income for a Bank with Domestic and Foreign Offices (FFIEC 031), Consolidated Reports of Condition and Income for a Bank with Domestic Offices Only (FFIEC 041), Consolidated Financial Statements for Holding Companies (FR Y-9C), and Regulatory Capital Reporting for Institutions Subject to the Advanced Capital Adequacy Framework (FFIEC 101) (OMB Numbers: OCC, 1557-0239; Board, 7100-0319; and FDIC, 3064-0159).

Dated: February 6, 2015.

**Stuart Feldstein,**

*Director, Legislative and Regulatory Activities Division, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.*

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 10, 2015.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Secretary of the Board.*

Dated at Washington, DC, this 6th day of February, 2015.

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**Robert E. Feldman,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

### Sunshine Act; Notice of Meeting

**TIME AND DATE:** 10:00 a.m. February 23, 2015 (Telephonic).

**PLACE:** 10th Floor Board Meeting Room, 77 K Street, NE., Washington, DC 20002.

**STATUS:** Open to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

#### Open to the Public

1. Approval of the Minutes of the January 26, 2015 Board Member Meeting
2. Monthly Reports
  - a. Monthly Participant Activity Report
  - b. Monthly Investment Policy Report
  - c. Legislative Report
3. Internal Audit Plan

#### CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Kimberly Weaver, Director, Office of External Affairs, (202) 942-1640.

Dated: February 13, 2015.

**Megan Grumbine,**

*Deputy General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0321]

### Proposed Information Collection (Appointment of Veterans Service Organization/or Individuals as Claimant's Representative) Activity: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of

<sup>8</sup> See 12 CFR part 3, subpart F (OCC); 12 CFR part 217 subpart F (Board); and 12 CFR part 324, subpart F (FDIC).

Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed revision of currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments for information needed to determine whether claimant appointed a veterans service organization or an individual to prosecute their VA claims.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before April 20, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M33), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email to [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0321" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 632-8924 or FAX (202) 632-8925.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, BVA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

**Titles:**

a. Appointment of Veterans Service Organization as Claimant's Representative, VA Form 21-22.

b. Appointment of Individual as Claimant's Representative, VA Form 21-22a.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0321.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* Claimants complete VA Forms 21-22 and 21-22a to appoint a veterans service organization or an individual to assist in the preparation, representation, and prosecution of claims for VA benefits and to authorize VA to disclose any or all records to the appointed representative.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:*

a. VA Form 21-22—27,083 hours.

b. VA Form 21-22a—533 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per*

*Respondent:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One-time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*

a. VA Form 21-22—325,000.

b. VA Form 251-22a—6,400.

Dated: February 12, 2015.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Crystal Rennie,**

*Department Clearance Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900-0674]

### Proposed Information Collection (Clarification of a Notice of Disagreement) Activity Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Board of Veterans' Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Board of Veterans' Appeals (BVA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed revision of a currently approved collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to clarify actions taken by the agency of original jurisdiction regarding a claimant's disagreement with his or her rating decision.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed

collection of information should be received on or before April 20, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Sue Hamlin, Board of Veterans' Appeals (01C2), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email [sue.hamlin@va.gov](mailto:sue.hamlin@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0674" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through FDMS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sue Hamlin at (202) 632-5100 or fax (202) 632-5841.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, BVA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of BVA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of BVA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Clarification of Notice of Disagreement.

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0674.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* A Notice of Disagreement (NOD) is a written communication from a claimant or his or her representative to express disagreement or dissatisfaction with the result of an adjudicative determination by the agency of original jurisdiction (AOJ). The data collected will be used by the AOJ to reexamine the issues in dispute and to determine if additional review or development is warranted.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 122,487.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 1 hour.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Number of Respondents:* 122,487.